



## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

# **Statement Regarding Extending the Mandate of the OSCE Presence in Kazakhstan**

As delivered by Ambassador Julie Finley  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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Mr. Chairman,

We are disappointed that, so soon after the agreement on commitments made at the Brussels OSCE Ministerial Council, Kazakhstan could not agree to a one-year mandate. The United States is also disappointed that Kazakhstan did not take this opportunity to demonstrate its interest in a leadership role as enunciated in the decision on “The Future OSCE Chairmanship,” by fulfilling the recent Brussels commitment to uphold OSCE norms and values.

We request a record of this statement be attached to the Journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.